

Journal

Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. In the absence of John Adams, Counselor of the Department of the Army, I spoke with John Simon of his office regarding the request of the Internal Security Subcommittee for the [redacted] Mr. Simon assured me that if it were determined to make this [redacted] available to the Committee, the Army would remove all CIA reports from it before forwarding it to Congress. Mr. Simon also asked whether an intelligence community position could be considered and I informed him that CIA would prefer not to become involved in this matter, but that if the Army determined it needed further help it would have to be on the level of Secretary Stevens and the DCI.

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2. I ran into Chairman Cole, of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, who said he was thinking about calling the DCI to ask if there was anything new in the atomic energy field which would warrant a Committee briefing. As Mr. [redacted] Chief, NED/SI, had informed me that the Director did not wish to approach the Committee on the annual report until the NSC and the President had been briefed, I did not mention it to Chairman Cole, but told him that I would report his conversation to the Director and that I was sure the DCI would be in touch with him if there were any changes.

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3. Congressman Stringfellow called and asked me to come and see him. I did so and he asked if we had been able to find anything on his mission. I told him that careful search and talking with knowledgeable people had failed to turn up any record whatsoever but that we were still checking. I did not give any impression that we felt that the Congressman never made the mission, but placed it on tight security of highly sensitive missions. The Congressman is worried lest his opposition make use of this incident. I assured him that they would never learn anything from us. The Congressman assured me of his friendship for the Agency, and said he would like to come down and meet the DCI sometime. It is recommended that a 15 or 20 minute appointment be set up for the Congressman in the near future. (It should be noted that the Congressman meets on a regular basis with a group of Republican Congressmen under 35, and it might be helpful if the DCI were to invite this group down for a very light briefing at some point.)

No congressional review required.

4. Mr. Keeferly, of the International Trade Development Division of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce of the Department of Commerce, called to state that James Kee, Administrative Assistant to Congresswoman Kee, had put the Department in contact with a group interested in developing exports of bituminous coal. Mr. Keeferly wondered whether we had any information on this subject so that he could refer the group to us. I informed him that we never made contacts of this nature, but that if he addressed a letter to our AD/OCD setting forth the problem, then if we had unclassified information on the subject we might be able to make it available to the Department of Commerce for their use.

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6. Mrs. Lawson, of the office of Sen. Hennings (D., Mo.), informed me that [REDACTED] has applied to their office for assistance in getting a job on Capitol Hill and that they were thinking of the possibility of utilizing him in the Senator's office. [REDACTED]

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the Senator's guidance. Mrs. Lawson was extremely grateful as she stated the Senator's policy was not to interfere or seek information from CIA as a matter of security.

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